(d) were there any complaints to the Government by the people referred to in (c) (2) above about their difficulties on account of the private nature of these systems and what was the nature of the complaints ;

(e) has the Government hitherto taken any action in the matter; if so, what?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c). Vide statement appended. (*Appendix II.*)

(d) Without specifying the period, it is not possible to furnish the information required.

(e) Vide answer to (d).

Damage to avenue trees.

6. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the final orders of the Government with regard to the damage done to the avenue trees referred to in question 120 (5) of the Legislative Session of 1103 ; what is the report of the Superintendent of Agriculture about this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The correspondence is confidential and cannot, therefore, be published.

Utilisation of used Anchal and Service stamps received in Public Offices.

7. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and state:—

(a) whether used Anchal and Service stamps in respect of covers, etc., received in Government offices are sold and sale proceeds are utilised for any public or private purpose in any of the offices; if so, is the benefit enjoyed by any one particular individual or in common;

(b) why the same practice is not followed in all the offices;

(c) is it a fact that in the Excise Superintendent's Office the Manager is appropriating the sale proceeds all to himself in spite of the request of the members of the office to share the same; whether there is any objection to order a common sharing of the amount or preferably to credit the same to Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (b) and (c). There is no rule regarding the disposal of used Anchal and Service stamps. The Government realise their intrinsic value when they are once used and cancelled. They have no information on the points raised in the question and they do not consider it necessary to direct an enquiry for the purpose of collecting such information.

Payment of toll by Heads of Departments.

8. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of Heads of Departments who have not paid toll to any toll contractor during this year?

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